



## **HAWNY Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 18, 2021

**Time:** 3:00 PM - 3:40 PM

**Location:** GoToMeeting Video Conference

**Attendance (53):** Andrea Hurley, Ariel Peters, Kexin Ma, Alan H, Angela DiRosa, Bailey Koithan, Kristen Brenon, Chetrece Huff, Chris Gresart, Christopher Schnell (RSI), Dan Hanssel, Deborah Goldman, ECDMH (Christine Slocum & Josh Curry-Bascome), Emily Mocete-Walker, Felicia, Friends of Night People-Anthony, Hailey, Hoa Mai, Janette Evans, Jarrett Steffen - HAWNY, Jean Bennett, Jeffrey Wierzbicki, Jeremy, Jill Mattson, Jordan Osborne, Kelsey Lignos, Ken Gholston, Kristin Rivera, Leah Brown, Luanne Firestone, Major José Santiago, MARIE KAISER, Mary Hanson, Elizabeth A McClam, Nadia Pizarro, Nate-HAWNY, Nicole Juzdowski-UWBEC, Patricia Rejewski, R Tabone-DePaul, Rae Frank, Robyn Krueger, Sara Grady, Sukie - HAWNY, Tabitha Williams, Tanvier Peart - PPG, Tatesha, Teqeyla, Trudy Decker, TSI Sarah, Caitlin and Nick, Vicky Garcia, Caller 00, Caller 01, [Waiting for b1300004]

### **1. Introductions**

### **2. A Word From New HAWNY Executive Director, Kexin Ma**

- Goals to assist, serve and build capacity for CoC member organizations and partners

### **3. Guest Speaker: Jeffrey Wierzbicki and Angela DiRosa, NY Council on Problem Gambling**

- Outreach activities involve disseminating information, providing trainings,
- Offers social work, counseling services, and connections with other services with individuals or family members living with individuals that have a gambling problem
- Works to add questions about problem gambling to existing assessments in order to connect clients with appropriate resources
- If gambling is causing a problem in someone's life (financial, relationships, preoccupation with gambling), it is considered a problem. NY Council on Problem Gambling is able to work with those who do not have a clinically defined gambling addictions
- Always recruiting for clinicians
- Jeffrey Wierzbicki - [jwierzbicki@nyproblemgambling.org](mailto:jwierzbicki@nyproblemgambling.org)
- Angela DiRosa - [adirosa@nyproblemgambling.org](mailto:adirosa@nyproblemgambling.org)
- [www.nyproblemgamblingHELP.org](http://www.nyproblemgamblingHELP.org)

### **4. NYS Data Warehouse Presentation, Nate Pyzikiewicz**

- If approved to share data with OTDA, the ROI language will need to be adjusted, HAWNY would sign an agreement with OTDA, agencies can opt in individually
- This will help give OTDA data and information to help with reporting and research
- Data sharing will be set at the agency level, not client level -- looking into how to individual refusal of data sharing
- Nate to invite OTDA to speak with agencies at another meeting or a future HAWNY meeting

## 5. CoC Updates

- CoC Notice of Funding (NOFO) released today (8/18/21) and is due 11/16/21
- eSNAPS (CoC application submission platform) will open tomorrow (8/19/21), eSNAPS training to come soon
- Discussed National Low Income Housing Coalition hoUsed initiative (<https://nlihc.org/housed>)
- Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program updates
  - Buffalo/Erie - 358 applications, about 50 accepted
  - Niagara + GOW - State EHV program that opened Monday
- Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)
  - Buffalo - a few thousand applications submitted
  - State - slow to
- Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI)
  - Funding opportunity due in October
  - Requires supportive letter from CoC Lead Agency (HAWNY)
  - Please send Kexin information with summary of program, priority population, how program will help take clients out of homelessness case services, and how many units will be supported at least 21 days before the ESSHI application is due
- Posting Director of Federal Programs position and other job descriptions soon -- look on HAWNY website

## 7. Community Announcements

- **Western New York Independent Living of the Genesee Region** - providing services to clients for chronic disease management disease training , requires a minimum of 8 participants, call 585-818-8501 for more details

## 8. Adjournment

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 3:00 PM